

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2022
Room 229 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present: Nathan Maltinsky, Chair
 David Baker
 Mary-Ellen D’Espinosa
 Alan Handel
 James Lederer
 James McKay

 Catherine MacInnes, Finance Committee Liaison

Members absent: Wendy Barry
 Pamela Rheäume-Mustard
 Erin Underhill

Also present: Carol Hayes, Conservation Commission Vice Chair
 Kris Fogarty, Recreation Director
 Tim Davis, Recreation Commission Chair

**Creation of Management Plan for Town-Owned Properties
Conservation Commission - (File #2022-002)**

Ms. Hayes, Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission, presented the application. She stated that the Conservation Commission had been before the CPC previously to seek funding for properties under their jurisdiction. As she stated, the CPC recommended she go back and create a proposal for ALL thirty-five town-owned properties. Ms. Hayes stated that a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) was created, which the Committee members reviewed. She stated that the Conservation Commission will come back with actual bids/costs and will also look into grants that may be available. The amount of CPA funds requested at this time is \$200,000.00, she said. On behalf of the Conservation Commission, they would like a “placeholder” article on the warrant for the Spring 2022 Town Meeting in May.

There was discussion regarding other funding sources for this project. Mr. Baker stated that in his opinion, the CPC should not be the sole provider, but rather a supplemental funding source. There was also discussion on where the funds would come from to implement the recommendations made in the completed plan. The CPC was of the opinion that the Select Board should allocate funds to support the project.

The CPC will send a memo to the Select Board to obtain information before moving forward with the application. The Committee would like clarification/input on the following items:

- The proposal states that consultants would evaluate and catalogue the properties. Much of this work was already done by the town for the Fields

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Study and could be utilized, thereby reducing the cost of the Master Plan creation. Also, much of this information is available through Town Departments.

- What other funding sources will be provided? The CPC should not be the sole provider for funding.
- How will funding be provided to implement the recommendations made in the Master Plan? Maintenance, improvements, etc.? Will an operating budget be provided?

The discussion on this application will be tabled until clarification is provided by the Select Board.

**Pickleball Sound Mitigation Proposal
Recreation Commission – (File #2022-003)**

Mr. Davis, Recreation Commission Chair, presented the application. They are seeking funding for the installation of sound mitigation equipment and plantings at the pickleball/tennis courts located behind the Clyde Brown Elementary School. Mr. Davis stated that some residents and abutters of the facility expressed noise concerns to the Select Board and Recreation Department back in the spring of 2021.

The CPC requested that the following be looked into before voting on the application:

- Talk to someone about the plantings to see if they are effective for sound mitigation
- Check into the Tree Fund with Brutus Cantoreggi and see what his recommendations might be
- How long will what is proposed last?
- Any other funding options?

To allow time for the information above, the discussion on this application will be tabled until the next meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

**Annual CPC Housekeeping Article
Appropriation of FY2023 Funds**

The Committee reviewed the annual “housekeeping” article prepared by the Town Accountant.

On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was unanimously voted (6-0) in favor making the following appropriations and transfers as provided by the Town Accountant from the Community Preservation Fund as follows:

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Appropriations:

From 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$13,734.00
(To be divided equally: \$6,867.00 CPC Salary Account: \$6,867.00 CPC Expenses)
From Undesignated Fund Balance for Long Term Debt- Principal (VMB)
\$20,000.00
From Undesignated Fund Balance for Long Term Debt- Interest (VMB)
\$8,950.00

Reserves:

From FY2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$27,469.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$27,469.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$27,469.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$80,000.00

The Community Preservation Committee **recommends approval** of the above article as written above at the annual Spring 2022 Town Meeting.

Other Business:

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021 as written.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Mr. Baker, and voted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant